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This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Dated: March 26, 2003.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34293]

Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company-Acquisition and Operation Exemption-Line of Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Pennsylvania Lines LLC

Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company (Metro-North),¹ a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire through a sublease from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) and operate a rail line owned by Pennsylvania Lines LLC (PRR) and leased and operated by NSR: (1) Between approximately milepost JS-31.3 at Suffern, NY, and approximately milepost JS-76.6 at CP-Howells, NY; and (2) between approximately milepost SR-68.7 (equals JS-76.6) at CP-Howells, NY, and approximately milepost SR-89.9 at Port Jervis, NY.² The total distance of the line is approximately 66.5 miles and it traverses Orange and Rockland Counties, NY.³

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on February 28, 2003.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the

¹ Metro-North, a subsidiary of Metropolitan Transportation Authority, provides mass transportation for commuters in the States of New York and Connecticut. It has been providing passenger service over the line since 1983 pursuant to a trackage rights agreement. That agreement will be replaced by a new sublease and operations agreement, pursuant to which Metro-North will continue to conduct passenger operations and NSR will continue to conduct freight operations on the line.

² The line is a continuous line of railroad between Suffern and Port Jervis, that is sometimes referred to as the Port Jervis Line.

³ On March 5, 2003, Metro-North filed a motion to dismiss its notice of exemption in this case to obtain a jurisdictional determination regarding its prospective common carrier status with respect to the line. That motion will be addressed in a subsequent decision.

proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34293, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Kevin M. Sheys, Esq., Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Ave., NW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1800.

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Decided: March 11, 2003.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of International Investment; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Office of International Investment within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the information collection provisions of the Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons, 31 CFR 800.402.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 30, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Gay Sills, Director, Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., 4201NY, Washington, DC. 20220 (Tel.: (202) 622-1860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Dempsey, Economist (Tel.: (202) 622-1860), Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.,

Washington, DC 20220; Francine McNulty Barber, Senior Counsel, Department of the Treasury, Room 2010, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20220, ((202) 622-1947).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers by Foreign Persons.

OMB Number: 1505-0121.

Abstract: The information request in this proposed collection is contained in section 800.402. The information collected under these regulations is used by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), an inter-agency committee chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and comprised of the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury and Commerce, the Attorney General, the U.S. Trade Representative, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Assistants to the President for National Security, National Economic Policy, and Science and Technology. The President has delegated to CFIUS the President's authority under section 721 of the Defense Production Act to determine the effects on the national security of acquisitions proposed or pending after the date of enactment (August 23, 1988) by or with foreign persons that could result in foreign control of persons engaged in interstate commerce in the United States.

Current Actions: Extension.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Foreign businesses and foreign individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 60.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: This varies, depending on individual circumstances, with an average of 60 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3600 hours.

Requests for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including

through use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: March 24, 2003.

Francine McNulty Barber,

Senior Counsel, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of alteration of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, Office of Inspector General (OIG), gives notice of a proposed alteration to the system of records entitled "Investigative Data Management System " Treasury/DO," which is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a). The system was last published in its entirety in the **Federal Register** on February 19, 2002, at 67 FR 7487.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than April 30, 2003. The proposed routine use will be effective May 12, 2003, unless the Department receives comments that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to the Office of Counsel, Office of Inspector General, 740 15th Street, NW., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20220. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to: *DelmarR@oig.treas.gov*. Comments received will be available for inspection at the same address between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Delmar, Counsel to the Inspector General, (202) 927-0650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C.A. appendix 3, the OIG conducts investigations of the bureaus and offices of the Department of the Treasury, with the exception of the Internal Revenue Service. The investigative case files and data produced by this work are organized to be retrievable by names of subjects, complainants, victims, and witnesses.

The Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296 has caused certain bureaus of the Department of the

Treasury to be transferred to other departments: the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to the Department of Justice, and the Secret Service, Customs Service, and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to the Department of Homeland Security. The responsibilities of the OIG to conduct investigations regarding these bureaus are being similarly transferred to the OIGs of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS). To enable these OIGs to carry out their investigative responsibilities, access to Treasury OIG investigative records regarding events and personnel of the transferred bureaus is necessary. New routine use (8) will accomplish this by allowing the OIGs of the DOJ and DHS to access Treasury OIG investigative reports and case files containing information related to the bureaus for which they have acquired responsibility.

Section 812 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296, creates a new section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C.A. appendix 3, by which OIGs are granted law enforcement authority as determined by the Attorney General. The statute requires that OIGs obtain peer reviews conducted by other OIGs to advise the Department of Justice and the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) how this authority is used. New routine use (9) will allow other OIGs, the PCIE, and the Department of Justice, with respect to their involvement in conducting peer reviews of the Treasury OIG, access to the IDMS in connection with their evaluation of how Treasury OIG uses its law enforcement authority.

These two new routine uses are consistent with the purpose for which information is collected by this system, to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in the programs and operations of the bureaus and offices of the Department.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, OIG proposes to alter system of records Treasury/DO.190—Investigative Data Management System, as follows:

Treasury/DO.190

SYSTEM NAME:

Investigative Data Management System—Treasury/DO.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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Description of change: The period “. . .” at the end of routine use (7) is replaced with a semicolon “;”, and the following routine uses are added at the end thereof:

“(8) Provide information to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Justice with respect to investigations involving the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security with respect to investigations involving the Secret Service, Customs Service, and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, for such OIGs’ use in carrying out their obligations under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 3 and other applicable laws; and

(9) Provide information to other OIGs, the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency, and the Department of Justice, in connection with their review of Treasury OIG’s exercise of statutory law enforcement authority, pursuant to section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 3.”

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Dated: March 17, 2003.

W. Earl Wright, Jr.,

Chief Management and Administrative Programs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) Multilingual Initiative Issue (MLI) Committee Will Be Conducted

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) Multilingual Initiative Issue (MLI) Committee will be conducted.

DATES: The meeting (s) will be held Friday, April 25, 2003, & Saturday, April 26, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inez E. De Jesus at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-423-7977.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Multilingual Initiative Issue Committee will be held Friday,